

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

July 21, 2011

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Mark Tiffer (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Case (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1)

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on July 14, 2011 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Roll call: Councilors Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending July 20, 2011 in the amount of \$ 273,852.92 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Case

Roll call: Councilors Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of July 14 – July 20, 2011
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from April 25 – July 18, 2011
- Report from the Parking Violations Bureau for June 2011
- Report of Public Hearing held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on July 18, 2011.

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau

Roll call: Councilors Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

4. **CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS:**

5. **AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council in the amount of \$ **1,118,878.47** are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon
Roll call: Councilors Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. **PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None**

7. **OTHER ITEMS:**

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor be authorized to sign an agreement for “Plattsburgh Community Vision and Implementation Strategy,” NYS Comptrollers #T007064.

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Calnon
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves transferring money from the General Fund to pay the Eagles Nest Veterinarian invoice for the 49 felines seized from Tremblay Ave. The total cost to date is \$14,919.25 and several cats remain.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Jackson
Discussion:

Councilor Jackson asked Police Chief how many cats were left.

Police Chief Desmond Racicot said several.

Councilor Rabideau asked if anyone knows if other communities have a local ordinance.

Mayor Kasprzak said no but we can do some research.

Roll call: Councilors Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Plattsburgh High School to have its annual Homecoming Parade on Saturday, September 24, 2011 at 1:00 PM. The parade route would begin at Stafford Middle School and march up Broad Street, continue up Rugar Street, then down Adirondack Lane on to Clifford Drive and finally down Angell Drive towards the cafeteria at the High School.

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF DONALD MOORE TO THE LIBRARY BOARD FOR THE TERM OF JULY 22, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2012.

Roll call: Councilors Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E. Authorization of an agreement with NYSDOT for the Undertaking in Connection with Highway Permits.

WHEREAS, the City of Plattsburgh from time to time receives permits from the Department of Transportation (DOT) to temporarily obstruct, install, construct, maintain, operate or replace any facilities within the bounds of a State highway right-of-way, and

WHEREAS, the City of Plattsburgh is required by NYSDOT to indemnify or hold harmless agencies and/or officials of the State of New York for such temporary obstructions, installations, construction or maintenance,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Donald Kasprzak of the City of Plattsburgh, is authorized to execute the Undertaking in Connection with Highway Permits issued by NYSDOT agreement.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

F. RESOLUTION: Authorization to Settle Claim

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that On the terms set forth in his report and recommendation dated July 18, 2011, The corporation counsel is authorized to settle a claim for costs and damages incurred in connection with an automobile collision that involved a police vehicle and occurred on April 18, 2011.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

G. Motion to waive rule 4 for initial consideration “Request from Kevin Farrington City Engineer that Contract # 2011-20 “Elm Street Sidewalk and Curb Construction” be awarded to Northern Snow & Dirt for \$38,333.00 funding will be from CDBG Grant 927PW126-09 and Capital Project H5110.28 “2009 Street Resurfacing.”

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that Contract # 2011-20 “Elm Street Sidewalk and Curb Construction” be awarded to Northern Snow & Dirt for \$38,333.00 funding will be from CDBG Grant 927PW126-09 and Capital Project H5110.28 “2009 Street Resurfacing.”

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. Request from Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from May 1, 2010 to May 31, 2010 in the total amount of \$3,653.31. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .37%.

2. Request from SUNY Police Chief Sabo for permission to divert and direct one-way traffic to the west (as in past school years) on Rugar St between the Myers Building and Sanborn Ave on August 27, 2011 from 7am to 7pm.
3. Request from Kevin Farrington City Engineer that Contract # 2011-20 "Elm Street Sidewalk and Curb Construction" be awarded to Northern Snow & Dirt for \$38,333.00 funding will be from CDBG Grant 927PW126-09 and Capital Project H5110.28 "2009 Street Resurfacing."
(Move to agenda under "Other Items" Letter G)
4. Request is being made from the City Chamberlain to amend capital project 2010 Water System Upgrade and Meter Reading (H8320.69) to provide funds for the completion of repairs and improvements to the Boynton Avenue waterlines during 2011.
5. Request is made from the City Chamberlain to transfer \$69,000 from the 2011 General Fund budget for Inter-fund Transfers to Capital to the principal item in the Debt Service Fund budget in order to fund the required first principal payment for the financing of the state mandated Akey Landfill remediation.
6. Request from the Community Development Office for a Change Order to Project HOME-9-2009 at 14 Riverside Avenue (Paynter) in the total amount of \$875.
7. Request from Sole Assessor Derek Rosenbaum to attend the "Condominium Valuation" in Syracuse, NY on October 7, 2011 the cost will not exceed \$400.00.
8. Request from Sole Assessor Derek Rosenbaum to attend the "New Construction Valuation" in Lake Placid, NY on October 21, 2011 the cost will not exceed \$150.00.

10. NEW BUSINESS: None

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer

Roll call: Councilors Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:36 pm